

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An automatic aggregation method for automatically  
aggregating a plurality of records using a computer, the  
plurality of records each including a plurality of items  
including a key parameter and a numerical value which is  
at least related to the key parameter, includes the steps  
of (a) inputting one of the plurality of records to the  
computer; (b) adding at least one node, representing  
10 contents of the input record, to a position, corresponding  
to the key parameter included in the input record, of a  
hierarchical tree; (c) updating a value of the at least one  
node added to the hierarchical tree and a value of a node  
on a level higher than that of the at least one node, in  
15 accordance with the numerical value included in the input  
record; and (d) repeating steps (a) through (c) until all  
the plurality of records are processed, thereby outputting  
an aggregation result for each of items of the key parameter.

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